

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The Stock Market Generally Steady.

FURTHER DECLINE IN THE COAL STOCKS.

GOLD 105 A 105 1-4.

Government Stocks Stronger—Railroad and State Bonds Dull and Steady.

MONEY ON CALL 4 A 2 1-2 PER CENT.

WALL STREET.

There was but a shade of improvement this morning over Saturday in amount of transactions and none at all in the direction of fluctuations. With the exception of the two Delaware one-half per cent marked the degree of variations, prices closing levelish at about the lowest point of the day. For some reason best known to themselves the anthracite coal people held a meeting to-day, instead of to-morrow, as it was reported by Messrs. Gowen, Sloan, Dickson, Lathrop, Lieberman and Thomas, who adopted the report of the committee and agreed that the additional fifty cents per ton should be charged on and after June 1. This delay was considered expedient in view of the large outstanding contracts for April and May. The tonnage agreement suggested by the committee was also adopted, and it was further resolved that no contracts beyond May 31 at fixed prices should be made. We do not hear what plan of surveillance was devised to catch any backsliding partner, or what compulsion was to be meted out to him in that event. However much the coal trade may be benefited by the action taken it certainly does not result to the advantage of the market, for the anthracite shares, both those that have commenced, and was an open question whether the liberal supplies of stock did not come to a great measure from parties who were at the moment legislating for the companies' interests. We are told, however, that "suspicious sleepers at wisdom's gate," and we can attach no blame to the application of so sensible a warning. The news from over the sea is again warlike. To-morrow it is possible that it will be equally peaceful. In every respect this vacillation is getting to be a nuisance. All the winter long have the bellicose Powers been putting and scowling at each other, until, out of all patience, the civilized world is incited, with the play-wright, to call out, "Leave off your damnable faces and begin." That this country would not take such action very much to heart is assured by the warlike telegrams, however, failed to strengthen the railroad market, though gold advanced 1/4 per cent; something more might have possibly been effected had not the firmness of consols thrown doubt upon the importance of the news. There were no other rumors of moment, though the romancers of the board, driven to their wits' end for a sensation, revived the old story of a lease being about to be effected by Central and Hudson of the Lake Shore.

THE SALES TO-DAY.

The sales of active stocks to-day aggregated 17,510 shares, which were distributed as follows:—New York Central, 4,600; Erie, 1,200; Lake Shore, 20,700; Wabash, 100; Northern, 500; do. preferred, 300; Rock Island, 1,000; Milwaukee and Waukegan, 100; do. preferred, 4,000; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 75,300; New Jersey Central, 660; Delaware and Hudson Canal, 7,700; Morris and Essex, 210; Michigan Central, 14,200; Illinois Central, 500; Union Pacific, 600; C. & C. and I., 300; Ohio and Mississippi, 500; Western Union, 34,100; Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph, 130; Pacific Mail, 3,400; Quicksilver, 100; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 102.

OPENING, HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES.

The following table shows the opening, highest and lowest prices of the day:—

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.
New York Central	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2
Lake Shore	47 1/2	47 3/4	47 1/2
Wabash	31 1/2	31 3/4	31 1/2
Northern	31 1/2	31 3/4	31 1/2
Norfolk and Western	40 1/2	40 3/4	40 1/2
Rock Island	97	97 1/2	96 3/4
Milwaukee and Waukegan	45 1/2	45 3/4	45 1/2
Del. and W. Va.	50 1/2	50 3/4	50 1/2
New Jersey Central	8 1/2	8 3/4	8 1/2
Delaware and Hudson	50 1/2	50 3/4	50 1/2
Michigan Central	50 1/2	50 3/4	50 1/2
Illinois Central	17 1/2	17 3/4	17 1/2

ADVANCE AND DECLINE.

The following shows the advance and decline in the closing prices of the principal active stocks as compared with those of the previous day:—

	Advance.	Decline.
New York Central	1/2	1/2
Lake Shore	1/2	1/2
Wabash	1/2	1/2
Northern	1/2	1/2
Norfolk and Western	1/2	1/2
Rock Island	1/2	1/2
Milwaukee and Waukegan	1/2	1/2
Del. and W. Va.	1/2	1/2
New Jersey Central	1/2	1/2
Delaware and Hudson	1/2	1/2
Michigan Central	1/2	1/2
Illinois Central	1/2	1/2

CLOSING PRICES—5 P. M.

The closing prices were:—

	Offered.	Asked.
Pacific Mail	17 1/2	17 3/4
Del. and W. Va.	50 1/2	50 3/4
At. & P. C.	21 1/2	21 3/4
At. & P. C.	21 1/2	21 3/4
At. & P. C.	21 1/2	21 3/4
At. & P. C.	21 1/2	21 3/4
At. & P. C.	21 1/2	21 3/4
At. & P. C.	21 1/2	21 3/4
At. & P. C.	21 1/2	21 3/4
At. & P. C.	21 1/2	21 3/4

THE GOLD MARKET.

Gold opened at 105 and closed at 105 1/4, the extremes of the day. The carrying rate was 1/2 per cent. Loans were also made at 1/2 per cent for borrowing. Gold clearings at the National Bank of the State of New York:—

Gold balances	\$1,072,000
Currency balances	1,127,500
Gross clearances	12,500,000

CURRENCY EXCHANGES.

Currency exchanges	\$30,654,413
Currency balances	2,126,200
Currency exchanges	8,851,502
Gross clearances	1,494,500

UNITED STATES TREASURY.

Revenue receipts	\$800,000
Customs receipts	500,000
Bank notes	700,000

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Government bonds were stronger to-day in sympathy with gold, and closed firm at the following quotations:—United States currency notes, 12 1/4, 12 1/2, 12 3/4, 13, 13 1/2, 13 3/4, 14, 14 1/2, 14 3/4, 15, 15 1/2, 15 3/4, 16, 16 1/2, 16 3/4, 17, 17 1/2, 17 3/4, 18, 18 1/2, 18 3/4, 19, 19 1/2, 19 3/4, 20, 20 1/2, 20 3/4, 21, 21 1/2, 21 3/4, 22, 22 1/2, 22 3/4, 23, 23 1/2, 23 3/4, 24, 24 1/2, 24 3/4, 25, 25 1/2, 25 3/4, 26, 26 1/2, 26 3/4, 27, 27 1/2, 27 3/4, 28, 28 1/2, 28 3/4, 29, 29 1/2, 29 3/4, 30, 30 1/2, 30 3/4, 31, 31 1/2, 31 3/4, 32, 32 1/2, 32 3/4, 33, 33 1/2, 33 3/4, 34, 34 1/2, 34 3/4, 35, 35 1/2, 35 3/4, 36, 36 1/2, 36 3/4, 37, 37 1/2, 37 3/4, 38, 38 1/2, 38 3/4, 39, 39 1/2, 39 3/4, 40, 40 1/2, 40 3/4, 41, 41 1/2, 41 3/4, 42, 42 1/2, 42 3/4, 43, 43 1/2, 43 3/4, 44, 44 1/2, 44 3/4, 45, 45 1/2, 45 3/4, 46, 46 1/2, 46 3/4, 47, 47 1/2, 47 3/4, 48, 48 1/2, 48 3/4, 49, 49 1/2, 49 3/4, 50, 50 1/2, 50 3/4, 51, 51 1/2, 51 3/4, 52, 52 1/2, 52 3/4, 53, 53 1/2, 53 3/4, 54, 54 1/2, 54 3/4, 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